

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, amend paragraph 0008 as follows:

[0008] To attain the above-stated objectives, a filling material is comprised of a combination of down and Lyocell fiber, and a method of manufacturing the filling material is comprised of the steps of washing the down in accordance with a predetermined washing process to produce prepared ~~the~~ down , and blending the prepared down with the Lyocell fiber in accordance with a predetermined blending process to produce the filling material.

Page 2, amend paragraph 0015 as follows:

[0015] The filling material of the present invention is a combination of down and Lyocell fiber, as herein described. Down is the well known waterfowl plumage and is used in many products that relate to warmth and comfort. Lyocell fiber is a wood pulp derivative fiber produced for eucalyptus trees. For convenience herein, the inventive filling material will be referred to a as Lyocell Down.